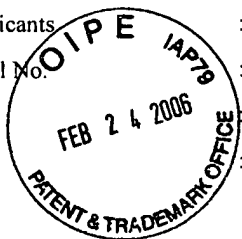


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 (AS AMENDED)  
 Examiner : TRAN, THAI Q  
 Art Unit : 2616



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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	11	Minus	** =20	0	\$50 (25)	0
Independent claims	3	Minus	3	0	\$200 (100)	0
Total additional fee for this amendment						0

- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360(180) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the \_\_\_ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a \_\_\_ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_ is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims ☐ petition for extension of time.
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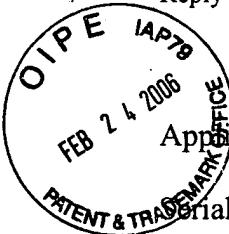
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**AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on November 30, 2005, having a  
three-month statutory period for response set to expire on February 28, 2006, Applicants submit

herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a check in the amount of \$790.00 as payment of the fee. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.